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FRIENDS ANNOUNCE FALL 2011 PROGRAMS

Sunday, November 13, 2:00 p.m.

"Living Deliberately: Thinking Like Thoreau Today"
Jeffrey S. Cramer, Curator of Collections
The Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods

What bearing do the writings of a nineteenth century naturalist have on our crowded lives? Actually, quite a lot. Jeff Cramer, editor of the award-winning *Walden: A Fully Annotated Edition* (Yale University Press, 2004), is eminently qualified to relate observations by the Transcendentalist from Concord, Massachusetts to our time. His other books on Thoreau for Yale University Press are *I to Myself* (2007) and *The Maine Woods* (2009). *The Quotable Thoreau*, published by Princeton University Press, came out in early 2011.

In 1837, when Henry David Thoreau graduated from Harvard, the country's deepening depression included a troubled banking system, foreclosures, and widespread layoffs. New England had undergone transition from an agricultural to artisan economy, and was in the throes of transformation to an industrial one. Is it any wonder that he took to the rivers and woods?

The Quotable Thoreau will be available for purchase and autograph. Watch for *The Portable Thoreau* (Viking Penguin) in March 2012.

Sunday, December 11, 2:00 p.m.

The Unofficial Mad Men's Cookbook
Authors Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin

Subtitled *Inside the Kitchens, Bars, and Restaurants of Mad Men*, this book satisfies a yen for food and drink recipes from Mad Men-era New York – more than 70 of them. "Packed with period detail, *The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook* provides invaluable historical and cultural context for the food and drink featured in *Mad Men*, tips on throwing a successful '60s cocktail party, and even a guide to favored *Mad Men* hangouts."* The book becomes available only days before Judy and Peter, Needham residents, come to present it. Copies will be available for purchase and autograph. Learn more: *<http://www.unofficialmadmencookbook.com>.

📍 Programs are held in the Community Room. The entrance from the parking lot on Rosemary St. is the most direct access to the Room. Programs are free and open to the public. ♦

SALE IN JUNE CROWNED THE YEAR

Clear weather for the book sale on June 4 and 5 allowed outdoor display of paperbacks. They and items in the Community Room were uniformly priced. In the Ongoing area, prices were half-off. There was also a special opportunity to buy "best of the best" books at competitive prices; these were in the craft room of the children's department. Books priced at \$5 were in the story room. Total sale receipts were \$8,765.02, bringing 2010-2011 to a fine close.

The Friends thank supporters for their patronage and donations of books and materials throughout the year. The team that produced the sale was: Bill Bacon, Lois Bacon, Bryn Baker, Drew Baker, Ted Baker, Barbara Bergquist, Ray Bigelow, Jan Bowen, Julia Buratowski, Volunteer Scheduler: Robin Buratowski, Stuart Chandler, Kit Copley, Jay Curtin, Barbara Cusack, Ann DerMarderosian, Joan Dimond, Bob Dole, Ellen Freeman, Jeanner Gerber, Joe Gerber, Rochelle Goldin, Gail Hedges, Ellen Hysten, Al Jaszek, Sandra Jaszek, Patty Jamison, Dee Kingston, Lindsey Kiser, John Lechner, Tom Lively, Barbara Lovely, Carol Lucibella,

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39th ANNUAL FALL SALE

Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 to 4:00

Sunday, October 2 from 1:00 to 4:00

Bargain Day



FOUR-HOUR SALE

Saturday, December 3 | 9:00 to 1:00



Otha Day performed on African hand drums, and invited participation in a community drum and rhythm circle. The program on July 20 was the third of five sponsored by the Friends for the summer reading theme, One World, Many Stories. (Photo by Gay Ellen Dennett)



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OCTOBER
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Trees of Needham

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Needham Art Association
Mixed Media

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CHEERS for the Library's book cart drill team in the Fourth of July parade. The participants included experienced members and plucky new recruits: Jeff Arnold, April Asquith, Gay Ellen Dennett, Elaine Garnache, Judy Johnson, Jennifer Lynch, Bill Martin, Gary McNeill, Mike O'Leary, and Bob Petrosino. Special thanks to the banner bearers, Mikayla McNeill and Caroline O'Connor. A tip of Uncle Sam's hat to you! ♦

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First Program of the McIver Series 2011-2012
Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Stephen Puleo, author of *Dark Tide*, *The Boston Italians*, and *Due to Enemy Action*, speaks about his newest book, *A City So Grand: The Rise of a Metropolis, Boston 1850-1900*. This time period includes Boston's leading role in the abolition movement, its Civil War experience, and its growth due to the rising tide of immigrants. Books will be available for sale and autograph, courtesy of Wellesley Books. The McIver Series is sponsored annually by the Library Trustees. ♦

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MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

"Welcome" to our new members: Karla & Jeff Allan, Patricia A. Donnelly, and Chunhong Gao.

Elections held at the Annual Meeting on June 9
Officers 2011-2012
 President, Bruce Barnett; Vice-President, position open
 Treasurer, Keith McClelland
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BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS *continued from side 1*
 Also, Keith McClelland, Lynn McClelland, Mary MacMahon, Ellen Moskowitz, Leslie Needleman, Linda Novak, Sarah Novak, Paul O'Keefe, Eileen Prato, Shirley Pratt, Susan Richman, Dorothy Rifai, Dawn Rosenberg, Jim Saum, Kalpana Shah, Book Sale Chair: Greg Shesko, Harriet Silverman, Sam Stern, Volunteer Scheduler: Jane Swett, Page VanAmson, Alex Verschoor-Kirss, Rein Verschoor-Kirss, Eleanor Weekes, Rachel Weinstock, and Gloria Welter.

"Thank you," Angel Lopez, Ray Cranton, and Howard Egerton for the ongoing work and the sprint to set up and take down the sale. "Thank you," Sudbury Farms, for the paper bags to carry away purchases. ♦